

HEALTH CARE

(Mr. FLAKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, there is much we don't know about the health care legislation being developed behind closed doors somewhere here in the Capitol. But this much we do know: the promises being made that this legislation won't add a dime to the deficit just don't hold water. Any characterization of this legislation as being deficit neutral is based on an assumption that we will obtain significant savings from Medicare, that we will somehow over the next 10 years summon up the courage to tell seniors that the benefits they currently are receiving are too lavish, and that they will need to sacrifice some of their current coverage to pay for those who don't currently have coverage.

Mr. Speaker, this type of courage doesn't reside with this Congress. We recently passed legislation to shield high-income seniors from a slight increase in Medicare part B premiums. If we have to shield seniors who make more than \$170,000 annually from paying another \$20 monthly, how are we going to find \$500 billion in savings from Medicare over the next 10 years? It simply doesn't add up.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

(Mr. LoBIONDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, the people in the 2nd Congressional District of New Jersey are asking, Where are the jobs? They have watched as this Congress has passed bailouts for AIG, for GM and for Chrysler. They watched as this Congress passed a huge bailout for Wall Street, and then followed up with a stimulus bill that had very little thought and that isn't providing the jobs for our citizens. They are not too big to fail, so they are not getting help.

The unemployment rate nationally is about 9.8 percent. In most of my district, it is at least a couple of points higher than that. People are struggling. People want to understand when are we going to get spending under control, and when are we going to understand that we should pay attention to the real people, the people who have their connection to the real world, not the people who are connected to Wall Street, not the people who are getting multimillion dollar bonuses after running companies into the ground, but the people who are just trying to make America go.

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(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, the rule of medicine is do no harm, and the rule

here in the House of Representatives should be to build on the success of some of our States.

What are the Republican ideas for medical care reform? First, the Medical Rights Act, which says Congress should make no law interfering with decisions that you have made with your doctor.

Secondly, no reform is serious unless it has lawsuit reform in the United States.

And third, you should be given a right as an American to buy coverage from any State in the Union if you find a plan that is less expensive or more flexible for yourself or for your business.

We should avoid the mistakes of some States and repeat the successes of others. The smoking hole of health insurance in the United States is the State of New Jersey. No lawsuit reform, incredible administrative burden, it costs \$5,500 a patient to insure someone in New Jersey. The best State in the country, California, where they have cut their costs to half of the New Jersey rate, but they have rock and rolling lawsuit reform in their State. What we should do is not pass the bill that is coming up next week, a \$400 billion tax increase in the teeth of the Great Recession and a \$400 billion cut for Medicare.

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(Mr. MORAN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, many Kansans ask if health care reform will allow them the choices of options that Members of Congress and other Federal employees enjoy under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. That is a good question.

I sponsored legislation calling for Members of Congress who support a government-run health plan to automatically enroll in the soon-to-be-created public plan. In some of the health care bills crafted by Congress, Members of Congress have been exempt from participation. I am concerned that expansion of government-run health care will lead to rationing of care and higher taxes. If Members of Congress are so convinced the public government-run option will deliver quality, affordable care, then Members of Congress should be willing to enroll right alongside with the American people. Congress should not have a better health care plan than they are willing to provide the American people, especially since the American people are paying for both.

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(Mr. MICA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, there is quite a bit of talk right now about the spread of the H1N1 virus, but I want to

talk about amnesia in Washington. You might recall on September 12, hundreds of thousands of Americans from every State and every locality, community, converged upon Washington, and they left us some messages. And sometimes the people in Washington have forgotten those messages. One they left to me and the Congress in a petition was: serve us honorably and responsibly. They demand no more taxes. Stop spending our money. Exercise our freedoms; you will not take them away. Halt the dismantling of America. First, say "no" to cap-and-trade; second, say "no" to government-run health care.

Members, unfortunately, have amnesia around here. But I just wanted to bring forward the petition the people brought me from north central and really all of Florida petitioning their government: no government-run health care.

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(Mr. HUNTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HUNTER. This is an interesting debate about health care. The interesting thing about this is that Congress could fix it. We could increase portability. We could make it so there aren't any more frivolous lawsuits. We could make it so there is more access, so it is cheaper, and there are more tax incentives for health care. But we aren't doing that.

What we have with health care in this country is a leaky faucet, and liberal Democrats want to tear down the entire house for that one leaky faucet. We could fix the faucet without a 1,200-page bill that is so complex that 90 percent of the American people can't understand it.

We could fix health care and do it responsibly, and we could do it gradually. Unfortunately, it looks like we will be voting to tear down the entire house. I say we just fix the leaky faucet, reform health insurance in this country, and fix things one at a time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUMMINGS). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motion to instruct on H.R. 2996, by the yeas and nays;

Motion to suspend on H.R. 2489, by the yeas and nays;

Motion to suspend on H. Res. 854, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2996, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to instruct on H.R. 2996 offered by the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. SIMPSON) on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 267, nays 147, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 816]

YEAS—267

Aderholt	Diaz-Balart, L.	Lewis (CA)
Adler (NJ)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Linder
Akin	Donnelly (IN)	LoBiondo
Alexander	Dreier	Loeb sack
Altmire	Driehaus	Lucas
Arcuri	Duncan	Luetkemeyer
Austria	Edwards (TX)	Luján
Baca	Ehlers	Lummis
Bachmann	Ellsworth	Lungren, Daniel
Bachus	Emerson	E.
Barrow	Etheridge	Mack
Bartlett	Fallin	Manzullo
Barton (TX)	Farr	Marchant
Berry	Flake	Markey (CO)
Biggert	Fleming	Marshall
Bilbray	Forbes	Massa
Bilirakis	Fortenberry	McCarthy (CA)
Bishop (GA)	Foster	McCaul
Bishop (NY)	Fox	McClintock
Bishop (UT)	Franks (AZ)	McCotter
Blackburn	Frelinghuysen	McHenry
Blunt	Galleghy	McIntyre
Boccheri	Garrett (NJ)	McKeon
Boehner	Giffords	McMahon
Bonner	Gingrey (GA)	McMorris
Bono Mack	Gohmert	Rodgers
Boozman	Goodlatte	McNerney
Boren	Gordon (TN)	Meek (FL)
Boswell	Graves	Melancon
Boucher	Grayson	Mica
Boustany	Green, Gene	Michaud
Boyd	Griffith	Miller (FL)
Brady (TX)	Guthrie	Miller (MI)
Braley (IA)	Gutierrez	Miller, Gary
Bright	Halvorson	Minnick
Broun (GA)	Hare	Mitchell
Brown (SC)	Harper	Mollohan
Brown-Waite,	Hastings (WA)	Moore (KS)
Ginny	Heller	Moran (KS)
Buchanan	Hensarling	Murphy (NY)
Burgess	Herger	Murphy, Tim
Burton (IN)	Herseeth Sandlin	Myrick
Buyer	Hill	Neugebauer
Calvert	Holden	Nunes
Camp	Hunter	Nye
Campbell	Inglis	Oberstar
Cantor	Issa	Olson
Capito	Jenkins	Ortiz
Cardoza	Johnson (IL)	Paul
Carnahan	Jones	Paulsen
Carney	Jordan (OH)	Pence
Carter	Kagen	Perriello
Cassidy	Kanjorski	Peterson
Castle	Kaptur	Petri
Chaffetz	Kind	Pitts
Childers	King (IA)	Platts
Cleaver	King (NY)	Poe (TX)
Coble	Kingston	Pomeroy
Coffman (CO)	Kirk	Posey
Cole	Kissell	Price (GA)
Conaway	Kline (MN)	Putnam
Cooper	Kosmas	Rahall
Costa	Kratovil	Rehberg
Costello	Lamborn	Reichert
Crenshaw	Lance	Richardson
Cuellar	Langevin	Rodriguez
Culberson	Larsen (WA)	Roe (TN)
Davis (AL)	Latham	Rogers (AL)
Davis (KY)	LaTourette	Rogers (KY)
Davis (TN)	Latta	Rogers (MI)
Dent	Lee (NY)	Rohrabacher

Rooney
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Royce
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Salazar
Scalise
Schauer
Schmidt
Schock
Schrader
Scott (GA)
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shimkus

Shuler
Shuster
Simpson
Skelton
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Souder
Space
Speier
Spratt
Stearns
Stupak
Sullivan
Sutton
Tanner
Taylor
Teague
Terry

Thompson (CA)
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Titus
Turner
Upton
Walden
Walz
Wamp
Westmoreland
Whitfield
Wilson (OH)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

of Texas, and Mr. SERRANO changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. BERRY, MANZULLO, AKIN, SCHAUER, BISHOP of New York, Ms. MARKEY of Colorado, Messrs. BISHOP of Georgia, STUPAK, BACA, Mrs. BIGGERT, Messrs. LOEBSACK, HARE, and CANTOR changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to instruct was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NAYS—147

Ackerman
Andrews
Baird
Baldwin
Bean
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Blumenauer
Brady (PA)
Brown, Corrine
Butterfield
Capps
Capuano
Carson (IN)
Chandler
Chu
Clarke
Clay
Clyburn
Cohen
Connolly (VA)
Conyers
Courtney
Crowley
Cummings
Dahlkemper
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle
Edwards (MD)
Ellison
Engel
Eshoo
Fattah
Filner
Frank (MA)
Fudge
Gonzalez
Green, Al
Grijalva
Hall (NY)
Harman

Hastings (FL)
Heinrich
Higgins
Himes
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hirono
Hodes
Holt
Honda
Hoyer
Inslee
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
 (TX)
Johnson (GA)
Johnson, E. B.
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick (MI)
Kilroy
Klein (FL)
Kucinich
Larson (CT)
Lee (CA)
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowe
Lynch
Maffei
Maloney
Markey (MA)
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McDermott
McGovern
Meeks (NY)
Miller (NC)
Miller, George
Moore (WI)
Moran (VA)
Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick
Murtha
Nadler (NY)
Napolitano

Neal (MA)
Obey
Oliver
Pallone
Pastor (AZ)
Perlmutter
Peters
Pingree (ME)
Polis (CO)
Price (NC)
Quigley
Rangel
Reyes
Rothman (NJ)
Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger
Sanchez, Linda
 T.
Sarbanes
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schwartz
Serrano
Sestak
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Sires
Slaughter
Snyder
Stark
Thompson (MS)
Tierney
Tonko
Townes
Tsongas
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch
Wexler
Woolsey
Wu
Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—18

Abercrombie
Barrett (SC)
Cao
Castor (FL)
Deal (GA)
Gerlach

Granger
Hall (TX)
Hoekstra
Israel
Johnson, Sam
Kirkpatrick (AZ)

Pascrell
Payne
Radanovich
Sanchez, Loretta
Scott (VA)
Smith (WA)

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Messrs. PALLONE, BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. BERKLEY, Messrs. CUMMINGS, NADLER of New York, ACKERMAN, DOYLE, DAVIS of Illinois, LARSON of Connecticut, HIGGINS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Messrs. SARBANES, LEWIS of Georgia, LYNCH, GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Messrs. WU, MCGOVERN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. BEAN, Messrs. BERMAN, ANDREWS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE

NATIONAL LAND REMOTE SENSING OUTREACH ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas). The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2489, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2489, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 379, nays 33, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 817]

YEAS—379

Ackerman	Burgess	Diaz-Balart, L.
Aderholt	Butterfield	Diaz-Balart, M.
Adler (NJ)	Buyer	Dicks
Alexander	Calvert	Dingell
Altmire	Camp	Doggett
Andrews	Cantor	Donnelly (IN)
Arcuri	Cao	Doyle
Austria	Capito	Dreier
Baca	Capps	Driehaus
Bachmann	Capuano	Edwards (MD)
Bachus	Cardoza	Edwards (TX)
Baird	Carnahan	Ehlers
Baldwin	Carney	Ellison
Barrow	Carson (IN)	Ellsworth
Bartlett	Carter	Emerson
Barton (TX)	Cassidy	Engel
Bean	Castle	Eshoo
Becerra	Chaffetz	Etheridge
Berkley	Chandler	Fallin
Berman	Childers	Farr
Berry	Chu	Fattah
Biggert	Clarke	Filner
Bilbray	Clay	Fleming
Bilirakis	Cleaver	Forbes
Bishop (GA)	Clyburn	Fortenberry
Bishop (NY)	Coffman (CO)	Foster
Bishop (UT)	Cohen	Fox
Blackburn	Cole	Frank (MA)
Blumenauer	Connolly (VA)	Frelinghuysen
Blunt	Conyers	Fudge
Boccheri	Cooper	Galleghy
Boehner	Costa	Giffords
Bonner	Costello	Gingrey (GA)
Bono Mack	Courtney	Gohmert
Boozman	Crenshaw	Gonzalez
Boren	Crowley	Goodlatte
Boswell	Cuellar	Gordon (TN)
Boucher	Cummings	Graves
Boustany	Dahlkemper	Grayson
Boyd	Davis (AL)	Green, Al
Brady (PA)	Davis (CA)	Green, Gene
Brady (TX)	Davis (IL)	Griffith
Braley (IA)	Davis (KY)	Guthrie
Bright	Davis (TN)	Gutierrez
Brown (SC)	DeFazio	Hall (NY)
Brown, Corrine	DeGette	Halvorson
Brown-Waite,	Delahunt	Hare
Ginny	DeLauro	Harman
Buchanan	Dent	Harper